

University Library Committee Meeting Minutes

November 19, 4:00-5:00pm

Call to Order

Members present: H. Curtis, A. Klene, V. Hedquist, D. McCrea, S. Shen, T. Ward

Members absent/excused: P. Gardner K. Granath, T. Shearer

Ex-Officio present: S. Zhang

- The minutes from September 10th 2018 were approved.

Communications:

- Dean Zhang provided several updates.

President Bodnar will visit with library employees' tomorrow morning.

The first phase of learning commons is complete and students are enjoying the space. It will be difficult to find funding for the second phase which involves lights. People think the library and its infrastructure should be funded by the university because it is used by everyone.

The Library received approval to hire an Evening Supervisor (\$26,000/yr). The Library is very appreciative of ASUM's efforts to advocate for evening open hours. The administration was responsive. The hours will change effective Sunday November 25th. Operating hours will be: Sunday – Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. and the library will open at 10:00 a.m., Saturday and Sunday.

The Library was also given approval to hire a tenure- track librarian to manage the Government Documents Collection. The Government Publishing Office sent a letter to the administration.

During the peak-time of the final weeks, more students use the library for study space. The library still has additional study space available. Often a quarter of the study space seats are available. This is not the case for many university libraries. At some libraries you are required to make reservations for seats and there are not individual study spaces.

Business

- Professor Valerie Hedquist and Student Henry Curtis were unanimously elected to co-chair the committee.
- The next meeting will be January 14th.

Good and Welfare/Question and Answer

- ASUM is hearing positive comments from students regarding locating the Writing Center in the library.
- The University will not be going through the retrenchment process. However, faculty members in many departments are overwhelmed because they have no staff to help with the day to day functions such as ordering paper.
- The library could see cuts again next year.
- A section of WRIT 101 had an assignment working with the year book and made use of the Archives.
- The Library is still in flux regarding how to manage collection requests. There are no longer library liaisons for each area. Professor Barry Brown will be invited to the next meeting to talk about how the library considers requests. Professor Hedquist will suggest some wish list materials (Gale, LA Times, and London Times) to use as an experiment.
- Some collections allow for branding so that donors could be given credit for the access. Some databases are a one-time purchase, others have a maintenance fee.
- The Committee should also be informed about the new system for borrowing books from MSU.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.